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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for John Brakie as he seeks to secure a scholarship with your organization. As John's professor, I worked with him throughout his studies thus far at Governors State University. In the time that I have been able to get to know him, he continuously shows a strong commitment to his academics and understanding the areas of need in the field of Addiction Studies. He has been dedicated to developing a strong foundational understanding of the field of substance abuse, responding to feedback on clinical skills, and furthering his education. He also has been quick to reach out with questions or concerns and does not hesitate to find ways to seek additional information for his academic and professional advancement.

John started off strong my recent addictions counseling course and showed dedication to his studies and in providing feedback to his peers. His strong work ethic never faltered throughout the semester, even when faced with challenging material in class or with difficult situations related to COVID. He displayed a strong ability work well with others and showed strong leadership skills. Overall, he shows strong academic performance and organizational skills in his ability to manage his studies and work-life balance simultaneously. I believe this speaks to his character and shows what an asset he will continue to be in the field of Addiction Studies.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, John has many years of experience working in the criminal justice field and has been given multiple leadership opportunities and continues to demonstrate both skill and dedication to his field.

It is here that I am restating my utmost support for John's application as a scholarship recipient. I am confident that he will surpass your expectations. John is driven, confident, and proactive in his studies. As such, I believe he will continue to add great value with his future career. Please feel free to contact me at ckibble@govst.edu with any questions you may have.

Best Regards,

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